

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 8, amend the paragraph beginning at line 17 as follows:

In the example shown in Figure 2, there are only four antenna elements, and, since the first delay units 101a ... 101d are embodied as two-way switches (meaning that each combiner unit 205a, 205b receives input from two first units), the beamformer 2 only comprises two levels of delay units. However, in practical embodiments of the invention, beamformers comprise a significantly greater number of antenna elements, which means that the number of levels of delay units will increase accordingly. Figure 3 shows an example where the beamformer comprises eight antenna elements 100a ... 100h and, three levels of delay units (101a ... 101h, 203a ... 203d, 209a and 209b) and a further combiner unit 211. The improved efficiency, in terms of reduction of duplicated delay units (and corresponding re-use or "sharing" of amounts of delay) can be readily appreciated with increasing numbers of antenna elements and amounts of delay required.